

## PET CAT'S BITE ENDS IN DEATH

ASHESVILLE, N. C., December 16.—Bitten by a pet cat a month ago, James Clark, of Leicester, died at his home last Monday evening of hydrophobia after untold agony, which opiated were powerless to relieve.

No bad effects followed the bite of the family's pet cat until Friday last, when Mr. Clark was seized with convulsions, shudders at the sight of water, and the paralysis of the pharyngeal muscles, which prevented his swallowing, and other symptoms which Dr. Reynolds, the attending physician, diagnosed as those of hydrophobia. The patient becoming rapidly worse, Dr. G. D. Gardner, of Asheville, was summoned to Leicester for consultation. Dr. Gardner was also of opinion that the case developed all of the symptoms of hydrophobia. The patient suffered terrible agony, and at times the strength of several men were required to prevent him doing injury in his delirium from the intense pain, which morphine was entirely powerless to alleviate. Chloral, however, was used to better advantage. He sank into a stupor Monday, and died at 4 o'clock that afternoon.

### NEW CHARTER PROPOSED.

Legislature Will Be Asked to Approve It Throughout State.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The Raleigh Good Government League has just evolved and adopted a proposed charter, which it is to ask the Legislature at the approaching session to pass, as applicable not only to Raleigh, but to every town in the State having 10,000 or more population. It provides for the selection by primary system, of a Mayor and four Councilmen, whose terms shall be two years, and having the possibility of second term only. The Council and Mayor to have authority to select other officers and fix compensation. A petition signed by one-fourth of the qualified voters can force an election on the removal of any elective officer and call for the passage of any specific ordinance demanded. There is also provision for a civil service commission of three members to pass upon the qualification of applicants for any appointive position in the city government. The Raleigh League is to appeal to representatives of other city governments in the State to which the act would apply for co-operation in getting the bill through the Legislature.

### LYNCHING IS FEARED.

Feeling Is Still Running High Over Negro's Assault.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SEALSBURY, N. C., December 16.—With a large hole knocked in his head by a shotgun, Henry Young, colored, charged with the vicious assault upon Mrs. James R. Moss, in Stanley county, yesterday afternoon, lies to-night in jail at Albemarle suffering greatly from his wounds, inflicted by the white men who caught him in the Moss home. Mrs. Moss, the victim of the negro, is suffering greatly from the attack, and it is said she is not improving. Her condition is still precarious.

George Teffler, whose finger was bitten off by the negro, and who was otherwise badly used up in the fight in defense of Mrs. Moss, is suffering greatly, and blood poisoning is feared.

Feeling runs high in Stanley to-night, and it is feared the negro will be taken from the jail and lynched.

### Sunday Schools "Divine Worship"

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The question of whether Sunday schools shall be held in the State for "divine worship" was presented to the Supreme Court to-day in argument of State vs. Brannett and Peck, from Swain county, in which Judge Peckles some time ago made the ruling that they were not, and discharged the prisoners, who had pleaded guilty to disturbing a Sunday school while intoxicated. Assistant Attorney-General Hayden Clement and J. W. Bailey presented the argument for the State, quoting freely from the Scriptures to show that meetings for study of the Bible and religious worship lawfully included

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as "divine worship." On the other hand ex-Chief Justice James E. Shepley presented the argument for the defendants, and in defense of the position taken by Judge Peckles, which was no sin in drinking men, which workers among several denominations of the State.

### Deer Attacked by Shark.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WASHINGTON, N. C., December 16.—The captain and crew of the schooner Melton O., plying between this city and points on lower Pamlico River, have just arrived in port, and they tell a very marvelous tale of an encounter between a shark and a deer while off Cedar Island, near the mouth of Pamlico River. The captain says that while going through a narrow channel near the river bank and swim across the channel. About half way across they saw the animal stop and struggle, presumably with a shark, and then continue across, emerging on the other bank with a large hole in his back and half gone. Despite this fact, the deer hobbled briskly off. The assailant is supposed to have been a dog shark, as a number of them abound in this channel.

### Charters Issued.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The Benevolent Order of Brotherhood (Inc.), having for its purpose the encouragement of sobriety and morality among the people, has received a charter from the Department of State to-day, with principal office in Williamston. A. R. Rogers is one of the principal incorporators.

### The Richmond Insurance and Realty Company.

Rockingham, Richmond county, is chartered, with \$10,000 capital, by W. J. Everett and others. Other charters are to The Family Record Mutual Life Insurance Company, Rocky Mount; E. E. Davis, its principal incorporator; The Tarheel Mica Company, Plattsboro, capital \$10,000, by J. H. Patrick and others; and The Peoples Grocery Company, High Point, capital \$25,000, by C. C. Swain and others.

### Soldiers' Home Report.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The annual report of the North Carolina Soldiers' Home, just received by Governor Glenn, shows 166 old Confederates cared for during the year. Twenty-nine died during the year and three were discharged, there being now on the rolls 137. The present appropriation for maintenance is \$15,000, and the Legislature to meet in January will be asked to increase this somewhat, else some of the inmates will have to be discharged. Superintendent R. H. Brooks continues to report that all the old Confederate soldiers in the State on the pension rolls received their annual pensions this week, the total being \$10,000. There are 15,272 of the pensioners, and the pensions are: first class, \$75; second, \$60; third, \$45; fourth, \$25; widows, \$25.

### Harvey Must Hang.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—Governor Glenn declines to commute the sentence to life imprisonment in the case of Henry Harvey, who was to hang in Richmond county to-morrow. The plea for executive interference was on the ground that some friends of Harvey had offered him a large sum of money to escape, so he was not responsible for his actions.

### Preparing for Inauguration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to cooperate with the State and city authorities in the arrangements for the inauguration of Governor Kitchin. The Chamber of Commerce has on foot a movement to induce the North Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, to locate its proposed orphanage here.

## EXPERT DISCUSSES OYSTER PROBLEMS

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parent. In 1906 the average annual wage of workers on the planting beds of New York varied in different localities from \$250 to upwards of \$400; this was clear of all expenses; while the Virginia tenger, from the \$150 which is credited to him has to pay his helper, provide his implements and boat and pay for such repairs as were needed. The case of New York is not an isolated one by any means, but is the universal history in all places which have succeeded in establishing a well developed planting industry.

### Example of Connecticut.

In Connecticut, which has a very small area of natural oyster bed, their produce would be almost unsalable if it could not be disposed of to the planters for seed oysters. The average price of seed oysters in Connecticut is about 72 cents per bushel, as compared with 48 cents for marketable oysters from the natural beds of Virginia in 1907. The natural bed oyster-man has, therefore, everything to gain, and, so far as I can see, nothing to lose by any measures which the State may adopt, reserving to him the use of the actually productive natural beds, while the barren bottom within the Baylor Survey, which is now going to waste, is thrown open to planting.

The whole solution of the treatment of the oyster question in Virginia rests on the adoption of some method of procedure which, while reserving the natural beds as a natural fishery, will not tend to hamper the development of the planting industry.

As a preliminary to this, there must be an adequate and scientific survey made which will entirely eliminate from the matter the definition of the natural bed of the question of prejudicial action of oyster tenger and dredgers on one hand, or the planters on the other. Methods which have been developed in connection with the survey now progressing in Maryland make it possible to determine with almost mathematical precision, leaving it to the mere opinion of neither the one class nor the other, such a survey as this cannot be made without considerable expenditure, but would doubtless pay for itself many fold within a comparatively few years. The annual plus which the State of Virginia now derives from the oyster industry, if for two years it were diverted to the purpose, would cover the entire expenditure.

### Report of State Fair.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—Friday of this week the executive committee of the North Carolina State Fair will meet here to receive the report of Secretary Joseph E. Pogue, and other officers of the fair on the results financial and otherwise of the fair held in October. Mr. Pogue says the fair has, as usual, netted good profits, and that the showing will be in every way gratifying. There is a very general hope expressed that the contest in fair dates for Raleigh and Greensboro can be eliminated, and competition which this year cost both fairs thousands of dollars avoided in future. However, the State Fair management insists that it will be impossible for the State Fair to open on fair dates, which have been observed for nearly a half century.

### Will Operate Mills.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The Lock Cotton Mills Company, of Concord, with \$1,000,000 capital authorized and \$200,000 subscribed, received a charter this evening for taking over the operating the Orell Cotton Mills, of Concord, from the late receiver's sale by George W. Watts, of Durham. The incorporators are George W. Watts, R. H. Wright, A. Erwin, Durham; James H. Pate, of Jackson, Raleigh; J. L. Erwin, Oxford.

### Baldy Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, December 16.—M. J. O'Brien, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Norfolk, fell last night on the corner of Second and Henry Streets and hurt himself. He is now in the hospital, and it is feared that he will be unable to get up. Dr. Bilsby, who is attending him, says that he will be able to get up, but it will be some time before he can get on his feet.

### Card Is Out.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 16.—Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mamie Meredith McCraw to Mr. Thomas O. 23d, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the home of the bride.

### The Bride-Elect Is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McGraw.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McGraw, of Durham, and Mr. Chappell is a prosperous farmer.

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## WHO CARES WHAT PRESIDENT SAYS?

Times-Dispatch Bureau.

Washington, D. C., December 16.

President Roosevelt has sent so many special messages to Congress that the average Washingtonian pays but little attention to what he says. It is a remarkable fact that on a day like yesterday, after a sensational document has come from the White House, no one, save newspaper men looking for stories, cares what the President says. The Roosevelt temper has gotten the better of the President, and he is suffering among his most loyal friends, who no longer apologize for him. Those who admire him personally and believe that he is honest and sincere in dealing with the people do not defend him. Many men who do not like him go so far as to say that they believe he is losing his mental balance. He calls persons liars and then hides behind his position. It is the way some of his enemies put it.

Scores of Congressmen resent what he said about the secret service department, yet it is not believed that anything in the way of rebuke will be passed through the House or Senate.

### No Politics Talked.

It has been more than a month since the election, but no one will talk politics. Even the politicians are tired of the subject for a season. Governor Hoke Smith and one or two others, it is said, tried to arouse a little interest among the Democrats, but failed to entice more than a small handful. One well-known Southern leader, when asked to attend a sort of reorganization meeting, said: "No, I think the best thing to do is to forget that we had an election, and in due time the party will come to itself. I believe that the Democratic party will rally four years from now and present a strong front to the enemy. The tariff will be the issue. I think you will see one of the most interesting fights of the past twenty years. No have many good men to select from, and it is too early to fix on one. Governor John A. Johnson has proven himself a vote-getter, and Governor-Elect Harmon is a promising man. I might name others."

### Mr. Bryan Fatal.

Governor Johnson attended the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and made many new acquaintances and a number of friends. Former advocates of Mr. Bryan now say that it would be fatal to put him up against Mr. Bryan, who were very eager to have him run last time, believing that he would help local candidates through in their State, say that he was a load instead of an uplift, as he ran behind the congressional nominees. In no State did he lead the ticket.

Congress does not promise much before March. A number of appropriations will be made, but some very important bills will be pigeon-holed. It is said that there will be no Rivers and Harbors bill.

The Anti-Saloon League of America, with headquarters here, is very active. In a circular letter sent to the newspaper men, Mr. P. A. Baker, the general superintendent, declares: "The activities of the Anti-Saloon League will undoubtedly furnish more news during the coming session of Congress than ever before. You have doubtless noticed the overwhelming defeat for re-nomination of Chairman Jenkins, of the House Judiciary Committee, which has refused to report the Interstate Liquor shipment bill."

Mr. Baker and his associates are rejoicing over the defeat of Judge Jenkins. But, on the other side, there is rejoicing also. The "personal liberty people," as the Antiprohibition folk are styling themselves now, say that North Carolina lost three Democratic Congressmen on account of recent liquor agitation, and the Republicans went to defeat in Indiana and Nebraska, because of their espousal of anti-liquor bills. It can be stated as a fact that North Carolina and Virginia representatives are in abject fear of prohibition measures. Those who are not already on record do not care to go on, and those who are on record they were not. If the Anti-Saloon League keeps up the fight they may be surprised.

Comfort for Prohibitionists.

Temperance people generally will get much comfort from the report of Commissioner John C. Cannon, of the Internal Revenue, where it is stated that for the last fiscal year there was a decrease in the receipts of \$7,995,070.

### As Compared with the Previous Year.

and that for the first three months of the current year there has been a decrease of \$1,562,238, as compared with the corresponding months of last year. The production of distilled grain spirits for the fiscal year for 1908 was 129,989,740 tax gallons, which is a decrease of over 40,000,000 gallons as compared with the year before. This is accounted for by Mr. Capers by the prohibition movement and the high price of grain.

### Joina Other Battleships.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, Va., December 16.—The North States armored cruiser North Carolina sailed from the Norfolk navy yard to-day and joined in Hampton Roads the battleship Maine, Rear-Admiral Arnold's flagship, of the third squadron of the new Atlantic fleet, now assembling in these waters preparatory to winter maneuvers in Guantanamo Bay and a visit to Havana on the occasion of the inauguration of President Gomez, of Cuba, prior to their start for Gibraltar in February to meet the home-coming battleship fleet from the East.

### Road Will Be Built.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HIGHLAND, N. C., December 16.—The confirmation yesterday by Judge Jones, of the Carolina Valley Railroad, sold here last month means, Mr. E. D. Steele, of this city, says, in the end, that the road will be built as originally planned. The North Carolina Electric Company, which was sold at the same time and bought by Messrs. E. D. Steele and Van Brun will be reorganized at an early date and ready for business.

### Goulds at High Point.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HIGHLAND, N. C., December 16.—George J. Gould, wife and party, arrived here last evening on train No. 37, to spend some time at Mr. Gould's hunting quarters here.

## Read What These Ladies Say!

616 E. Leigh St., Richmond, Va. December 16, 1908.

The Crafts Piano Company, Inc., Richmond, Va.: Gentlemen,—It is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful first prize, the \$500 Cecilia Piano, offered by you in your recent Baby Contest, for the best definition of a baby.

It was an agreeable surprise to me when I saw in the Sunday paper that I was the most fortunate amongst the successful contestants. Of course I am not a musician, but I can play the Cecilia and render music that is sublime. Not only is my entire family enjoying this wonderful instrument, but we have had many friends who have heard the Cecilia and they all say that this is the most wonderful of all players, it being so easy to operate. Let me thank you for this most truly wonderful gift, also the judges who passed on the definitions, and say that they could not have acted in a fairer manner. Believe me, I am with best wishes, Very respectfully yours,

Mr. A. McInerney



A. J. CRAFTS, President.

The Crafts Piano Company, Richmond, Va.: Gentlemen,—I was much gratified to find that my brief description of a baby was thought worthy of the second prize so generously offered by you for the best definition in the recent contest. On yesterday you kindly delivered to me at my home a Henry and S. G. Lindeman Upright Piano in mahogany case, sweet of tone and of superior workmanship, fully complying with the terms of your advertisement.

I desire to return to you my grateful appreciation of your generosity, and hope to derive much happiness from your gift.

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